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1. Transmittal Letter (1 pg.);
2. Response to Restriction/Election Requirement (4 pgs.); and
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (1 page).

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Sir:

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2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (1 page).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$230.00 for the Extension of Time fee and any deficiencies of payment, and to credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence, to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

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